

## January

- 8 **Sixth Annual USAF Band Young Artist Competition**, 1 p.m.,  
The United States Air Force Band, 201 McChord St., Bolling Air Force Base,  
Washington, D.C.
- 21 **The United States Air Force String Orchestra**, 8 p.m., Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
1000 West Main Street, Lansdale, Pennsylvania
- 26 **The United States Air Force String Orchestra**, 7:30 p.m., Gaithersburg Regional Library,  
Gaithersburg, Maryland
- 29 **The Airmen of Note**, 8 p.m., Sudbrook Arts Center, 4300 Bedford Road, Pikesville, Maryland

## February

- 3 **The United States Air Force Concert Band**, 7:30 p.m., Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, West Virginia
- 6 **Chaka Khan**, Guest Artist Series, 3 p.m., DAR Constitution Hall, 18th & D Streets, NW, Washington, D.C.
- 8 **Chamber Players Recital Series**, 8 p.m., Montgomery College, Performing Arts Center,  
Main Campus, Rockville, Maryland
- 9 **Chamber Players Recital Series**, 1:30 p.m., Anderson House Museum,  
2118 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.
- 9 **The Concert Band and Singing Sergeants**, 8 p.m., Texas Music Educators Association, Municipal Auditorium,  
100 Auditorium Circle, San Antonio, Texas
- 13 **Keiko Matsui**, Guest Artist Series, 3 p.m., DAR Constitution Hall,  
18th & D Streets, NW, Washington, D.C.
- 20 **Dee Dee Sharp and Jerald Daemyon**, Guest Artist Series, 3 p.m., DAR Constitution Hall,  
18th & D Streets, NW, Washington, D.C.
- 22 **Chamber Players Recital Series**, 8 p.m., Montgomery College Recital Hall,  
Main Campus, Music Building, Rockville, Maryland
- 23 **Chamber Players Recital Series**, 1:30 p.m., Anderson House Museum,  
2118 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.
- 24 **The Singing Sergeants**, 1:30 p.m., American Choral Directors Association Central Division Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 27 **The String Trio of New York**, Guest Artist Series, 3 p.m., DAR Constitution Hall,  
18th & D Streets, NW, Washington, D.C.

All performances are free and open to the public. Tickets are not required unless specifically indicated. Performances are subject to change. For updated information, call (202) 767-5658. More detailed information is available on The USAF Band's web site. The address is <http://www.bolling.af.mil/band>

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## The 2000 Colonel George S. Howard Young Artist Competition

The United States Air Force Band is pleased to announce the six finalists of this year's Colonel George S. Howard Young Artist Competition. On trumpet there are three finalists: Sean Hennessy from Colorado Springs, Colorado, Nathaniel Edward Hepler from Malvern, Pennsylvania, and Stephen G. Sill from The Colony, Texas. Two finalists play the tuba: Brian K. McBride from New Bern, North Carolina, and Edgar J. Vinson from Auburn, Alabama. One finalist is a percussionist: Nathan Lassell from Arlington, Virginia. For the first time, the competition was opened only to brass and percussion. Next year's competition will be open only to woodwinds. These categories will continue to alternate annually.

Tapes were received from across the country. The judging committees for this round were made up of Concert Band performers on every instrument entered in the competition. Judges' evaluation forms were returned to all participants, giving them a rare opportunity for feedback. The finals will be held Saturday, January 8 at 1 p.m. in the Con-

cert Band studio. The winner will perform with the band on Sunday, March 19, 2000, at 3 p.m. in DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. Through a cooperative effort with PBS station WGBH in Boston, all of our entrants received an application for "From the Top," a national radio program seeking young musicians.

The competition is named for the second commander and conductor of The USAF Band to honor his contribution to young musicians and to the United States Air Force. This competition, begun in 1994, is open to band instrumentalists in grades 10-12. Applicants must submit a videotape of themselves performing a required piece. Repertoire and dates for the competition are announced each April. Information about this competition appears on The Air Force Band home page, <http://www.bolling.af.mil/band>, and in many national music publications. Complete information is also available by contacting TSgt George Stoffan at (202) 404-8363 or [george.stoffan@bolling.af.mil](mailto:george.stoffan@bolling.af.mil).  
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